

# HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2016

**PRESENT:** The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford and Cllrs Baker, Dykes, Edwards, Griffiths, Kenyon, Michael, Rone, Tawn and Wilcox.

**C2016/2017.01      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Members received apologies for absence from Cllrs Boulter, Bushkes, Chappell, Hall, Hey, Lloyd-Hayes, Mansell and Stevens.

**C2016/2017.02      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members received no declarations of interest under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

**C2016/2017.03      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
There were no members of the public present.

**C2016/2017.04      MINUTES**  
Cllr Kenyon proposed. Seconded by Cllr Wilcox and unanimously

### **RESOLVED**

**To approve the minutes as a true and accurate account of the meeting and the Chairman duly sign, initial and date the minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 23 February 2016.**

**C2016/2017.05      MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION**

- The Mayor thanked Members for their support during his Mayoral year and the honour he felt to have served his City.
- Meeting with the Chairman of Herefordshire Council and the Lord Lieutenant. It was expressed at that meeting that Lady Darnley hoped the City Council would recognize the Queen's (90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April by lighting a beacon in Churchill Gardens. Churchill Gardens being the highest point in the City.

The Mayor proposed the City Council agrees to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with an event in Churchill Gardens and the lighting of a Beacon. Cllr Wilcox seconded this.

Cllr Edwards informed Members he thought it was a good idea and highlighted the fact that the palace has requested a planned celebration weekend of events across the UK on the weekend of 10 – 12 June; this

being the official weekend to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cllr Edwards suggested that the event on the 21<sup>st</sup> should be a token beacon lighting event on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cllr Edwards proposed to support no more than to light a beacon and should a community group come forward to organize the event they are supported to do so. This was seconded by Cllr Wilcox and put to the vote. It was unanimously

**RESOLVED**

**The Council agrees to light a beacon in Churchill Gardens to recognize the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 21 April 2016.**

**C2016/2017.06**

**SUPPORT FOR A PROPOSED CYCLE TRACK ADJACENT TO THE RACECOURSE**

The Town Clerk gave a brief overview of his report and his recommendations.

Cllr Kenyon spoke about the project to date, the next stages to progress the project and how the project would be led by Wheeled Sports 4 Hereford. He also informed Members that the correct figure for the feasibility study would be £2,800 not £2,000 as identified in the Town Clerk's report. Cllr Kenyon proposed to award £2,800 for the feasibility study to enable progression of the project.

Cllr Wilcox requested that before the City Council go to a vote on spending thousands of pounds that the City Council ensure it has the agreement of the land owners and the lease owners.

It was confirmed that permission from both from the company that lease the land, Herefordshire council and planning department has been agreed.

Cllr Edwards seconded Cllr Kenyon's proposal. 8 Members voted in favour. 1 Member voted against.

**RESOLVED:**

**That Council agrees to support the proposal for a cycle track on the racecourse ground by funding a feasibility study at a cost of up to £2,800, drawn from the parks and open spaces budget.**

**C2016/2017.07**

**REPLACEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE MARKET TOWNS FORUM AND PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.**

There were no nominations for representatives to replace Councillor Tawn on the Planning and Highways Committee and a representative to sit on the outside body of the Market Towns Forum. It was agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting of Council when hopefully more Members may be present.

## **C2016/2017.08**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Members noted the minutes of the following committees:

Planning and Highways Committee 24 February 2016 - Noted

Planning and Highways Committee 16 March 2016 – Noted

Cllr Tawn asked for clarification on progress with the Hereford Area Plan.

Town Clerk informed Members of the current situation and the working party set up to identify the boundary area. The working party are waiting for proposal/terms of reference from Herefordshire Council to come back to committee for endorsement.

Finance and Policy Committee 8 March 2016 - Noted

Community Development Committee (Grants Meeting) 7 March 2016 - Noted

Community Development Committee 15 March 2016 - Noted

## **C2016/2017.09**

### **REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members received reports from Councillors who have attended meetings of Outside Bodies as laid out below:

- a) Municipal Charities** Cllrs Baker, Boulter, Hey and Lloyd-Hayes  
Cllr Baker informed Members that Dr Rodrick has been hospitalised and requested the City Council wish him a speedy recovery.
- b) Herefordshire Market Towns Forum** Cllrs Nicholls and Wilcox  
The Town Clerk reported that he had minuted this very complex meeting and will circulate those minutes to the Cllrs for their information as it would be too difficult to explain.
- c) HALC Executive Committee** Cllrs Griffiths and Nicholls (one vacancy)  
Cllr Griffiths informed Members that he had been in contact with Linda Wilcox and was hoping to attend the SAM Meeting on Monday.
- d) SAM** Cllrs Griffiths and Nicholls  
Meeting on Monday coming.
- e) The Enterprise Zone Stakeholder Group** Cllr Paul Stevens.  
Cllr Stevens was not present to give a report.
- f) Three Choirs Festival** Cllrs Baker and Bushkes  
No communication.
- g) Hereford Twinning Association**  
(The Mayor automatically holds this post as President of the Association)  
Nothing to report.
- h) Hereford City Tourism Group** Cllr Lloyd-Hayes  
Cllr Lloyd-Hayes was not present to give a report.

- i) **Hereford in Bloom** Cllr Michael  
Cllr Michael informed Members she had nothing to report as she was unaware there had been a meeting.  
The Town Clerk informed Members he had attended a meeting and that Hereford In Bloom were progressing and would be entering the completion again this year.
- j) **NALC Larger Councils Committee** Cllr Wilcox  
The Town Clerk reported his concerns that he has not been reimbursed still by NALC for the last meeting he attended and is considering withdrawing his services to them.
- k) **New Hereford University Working Group** – Cllrs Lloyd-Hayes and Stevens  
Cllrs Lloyd-Hayes and Steven’s were not present to give a report.
- l) **Close House** Cllr Tawn  
Cllr Tawn reported he was unable to attend the last meeting.
- m) **City of Culture Strategic Board** Cllr Hall  
Cllr Hall was not present to give a report.
- n) **Business Improvement District Board of Management** Town Clerk  
The Town Clerk reported on the last meeting which he attended.

**C2016/2017.10**

**TOWN CLERK’S COMMUNICATIONS**

Members received communications from the Town Clerk as follows:

- Report on proposals to receive refugee families and others categories of people arriving from North Africa And The Middle East.
- Cllr Boulter is unwell and he may have to request leave of absence for Cllr Boulter.
- Eleanor Mason is no longer working for the City Council.
- Concerned that a number of Members may have received emails from Olena Barrett which is totally unacceptable. The Town Clerk requested that if any Member receives any communication from her they are to contact him immediately.

**C2016/2017.11**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –**

Members noted the dates of the subsequent meetings.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (Mayor Making) 16 MAY 2016**

**FULL COUNCIL 24 MAY 2016**

There being no other business the Mayor called the meeting to a close at 6.40pm.

Signed.....

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